

Middlesex/Union Counties ALB Infestation

As of July 1, 7,453 trees have been removed from the Middlesex/Union ALB quarantine area. Of those, 517 were infested host trees and 6,936 were high-risk exposed host trees. Crews continued removing trees this week in areas of Carteret, Linden and Rahway. Currently, 28 program personnel from USDA APHIS PPQ, NJDA, NJ Forest Service are performing survey, control and regulatory activities

As of June 30, 16,339 trees have been treated in the Middlesex/Union Counties ALB quarantine area: 1,854 trees were treated in Carteret by soil injection and 2,850 by trunk injection; 1,681 trees were treated in Rahway by soil injection and 1,772 by trunk injection; 505 trees were treated in Linden by soil injection and 1,084 by trunk injection; 79 trees were treated by soil injection in Woodbridge and 6,514 by trunk injection. Approximately 20,000 trees will be treated with the insecticide imidacloprid by the time treatment is completed.

Media interest continued this week surrounding the twelve USDA-Forest Service Smokejumpers from Montana, Washington, Wyoming, Idaho and Oregon, who began tree-climbing survey efforts on June 24. NJN and the Associated Press interviewed the smokejumpers for stories. In addition, the *Philadelphia Inquirer* interviewed New Jersey ALB Program Director Barry Emens about the imidacloprid treatments of low-risk host trees for a story about both the Asian longhorned beetle and the emerald ash borer.

Jersey City/Hoboken ALB Infestation

Five program personnel along with five temporary summer hire employees continue to perform survey and regulatory activities in the Jersey City/Hoboken ALB quarantine area. To date, 1,945 host trees have been surveyed with no signs of ALB infestations.

Best wishes from the New Jersey ALB Cooperative Eradication Program for a safe, happy and beetle-free Fourth of July holiday.